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WHO YOU VIBIN'?



The second installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin'?" online contest has ended, and the voters have chosen ... Jesse Shallcross. To see the other bachelors and vote on this week's bachelorettes, or submit your own profile, visit redeyechicago.com/vibin.



Shallcross' dater profile:

Jesse dreams about being as cool as "24's" Jack Bauer. He thinks the best under-the-radar spot is Flub a Dub Chub's, the "best hot dog joint in the city," and kinda has a thing for Optimus Prime from the Transformers. (Yeah ... we were confused too.)

According to Jesse, if "MTV Cribs" ever came to his apartment, they'd say:

"Look, your bed is right next to the TV is right next to the couch is right next to the bookcase. You're so efficient yet classy. Oh, and nice lava lamp!" He's kidding, he doesn't own a lava lamp ... anymore.

The voters said:

Jrc2122: JESSE!!! just showed all the "girls" in my office and they agree :)

saabrjhs: Tough decision, but I'm going to vote for Jesse too. I like sarcastic guys because they keep me entertained!

Ameryllis: I vote for Jesse because I'm worried if he doesn't win this he may never get a date again!

The most embarrassing thing I'm willing to admit here:

I cried during Wall-E

The best date I've ever been on: We went to the shooting range. She had never fired a gun before, but of course she was shooting better than me in no time. <sigh>

My parents would kill me if they ever found out: How much of my paycheck is spent on going out on the town.

My dream Halloween costume would be ... the Invisible Man. C'mon, how often do you get to run down the street stark naked and NOT get arrested?

Name: Jesse Shallcross

Age: 26

Neighborhood: Lakeview

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9/11 memorial preview site opens in NYC

Associated Press

NEW YORK Tourists coming to Ground Zero to see the Sept. 11 memorial often peer through a fenced-off construction site for a glimpse and ask street vendors when it will be built.

It will be at least two years until the memorial to the 2001 terrorist attacks opens to the public. But in an old camera shop north of the World Trade Center site, visitors will be able to watch live video of the construction, record their 9/11 memories and even leave with a souvenir.

The foundation that will run the finished memorial and museum built the 9/11 Memorial Preview Site, hoping to attract the hundreds of thousands of tourists a year who come to Ground Zero looking for a 9/11 story and finding a giant construction site. The Tribute WTC Visitor Center, a small gallery on the south side of the site, charges \$10 admission and says it brings in 300,000 tourists a year.

It won't cost anything to get into the preview site, although the foundation will sell memorabilia, including 9/11 memorial pins, books and DVDs.

Joe Daniels, president of the National 9/11 Memorial & Museum, said the foundation also wants to present an alternative to stories tourists hear on the street about the plans for the site. The 3,000-square-foot space will feature models and renderings of "Reflecting Absence," the design for twin reflecting pools with cascading waterfalls where the trade center towers had stood, surrounded by nearly 3,000 victims' names.

Live Webcam video of the construction will be displayed on a giant screen. In a recording booth, visitors will be able to speak for 3 minutes about where they were, and what they remember of Sept. 11, 2001. The recordings—visitors can share their stories in any language—will enter the permanent collection of the 9/11 museum and become part of an introductory exhibit.



Randy Jackson and Tito Jackson attend Michael Jackson's memorial service last month at Staples Center in L.A. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Birthday burial

Michael Jackson would have turned 51 on Aug. 29

Associated Press

The King of Pop will be buried on what would have been his 51st birthday, a spokesman for Michael Jackson's family said Tuesday.

Jackson will be buried at a private ceremony at Forest Lawn-Glendale on Aug. 29, spokesman Ken Sunshine said in a statement. Guests will be limited to family and close friends, Sunshine said.

"The Jackson family once again wishes to express its gratitude to Michael's fans around the world for their support during these difficult times," the statement said.

Details about the ceremony and the whereabouts of Jackson's body have been

DOCTOR SPEAKS

The doctor who was with Michael Jackson when he died and is now the center of a manslaughter probe posted a short video Tuesday thanking his supporters. In the one-minute video, a weary-looking Dr. Conrad Murray says, "I have done all I could do. I told the truth and I have faith the truth will prevail." The video was recorded last week at a residence in Houston, said Miranda Sevcik, the spokeswoman for Murray's lawyer.

tightly guarded. The announcement came a day after the New York Daily News reported comments by Jackson's father, Joe Jackson,

that his son would be buried on what would have been his birthday.

Sunshine said Jackson will be buried on the Holly Terrace at the cemetery's Great Mausoleum.

The cemetery's Web site describes the mausoleum as featuring replicas of works by Michelangelo. It also features a stained glass recreation of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper."

The cemetery is in Glendale, which is about 8 miles north of downtown L.A. It is a different location from the Hollywood Hills cemetery where Jackson's family was seen gathering days after his death on June 25.

From clunker to shine

As of Friday, car buyers in the U.S. had signed deals to trade in 358,851 clunkers for new vehicles, getting rebates of up to \$4,500 from the federal government. Most of the trades have been pickup trucks and SUVs. The Top 10 vehicles purchased by those making clunker trades:



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4 Toyota Camry



2 HONDA CIVIC

6 Hyundai Elantra



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The dark side of internships



Too many interns

An internship is peachy if you're a student whose parents foot their rent and weekend Barleycorn tab ("Unleash the interns," July 27 cover story). But what about us recent grads? An internship is not a realistic option once you're unleashed upon the "real world." Sure, I had my share of internships in college, but my efforts to finally secure a paying 9-to-5 gig have been thwarted by this influx of

free labor. Even if I could afford to work for free, many of these internships require college credit. College interns might be climbing the corporate ladder, but the rest of us are couch surfing and scouring the streets for restaurant jobs. —HILARY BROWN, 24, LAKEVIEW

Strip poker rebuttal

Oh Stephen, by seeing the movie "Superbad" and reading most of your columns, I now know what it's like to be a young, eager-to-please male in America ("The truth about strip poker," Stephen Markley column, Aug. 12). But I have to correct you. Women don't use strip poker as a way to embarrass you. That's what we use skinny dipping for. Strip poker is merely a way for us to see the goods before we decide if we're going to sleep with you. Think of it as test driving a car before you buy it. Happy stripping! —KELLY L. NUTILE, 27, LAKEVIEW

CeaseFire isn't the answer

I really don't feel that CeaseFire has been all that effective against the problem of violence in the community ("Violence interrupted," Aug. 12 cover story). Yes, they have their supporters, and many of us have seen their bumper stickers, posters and T-shirts around the city, but violence still plagues our communities at an alarming rate. Look at the levels of violence in neighborhoods like Englewood, North Lawndale and Austin to name a few. Just because the idea sounds good, like the DARE program for drug prevention, doesn't mean it's really all that effective. —CHRISTOPHER VAUGHN, 46, AUSTIN

Bag the big bags

I feel like one of the only females who hasn't succumbed to the big bag fashion ("Hey, you with that gigantic bag ...," Jason Steele column, Aug. 13). Not only are these women annoying the bejesus out of their fellow passengers, they're also doing damage to their shoulders and backs. Put it on the ground and this will solve a lot of problems. No one needs that much stuff with them. —COLLEEN CONDON, 23, EVANSTON



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Extreme recyclers

Eco-friendly residents say it's not easy being green in Chicago, but not recycling is not an option

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

For Kelly Bohnet, recycling hasn't been easy.

First, she didn't trust the city's blue bag system enough to use it. (Were the blue bags getting dumped with the rest of the garbage?) Now, she's excluded from the city's blue cart service. And her Lincoln Park apartment building doesn't have a recycling receptacle, only garbage dumpsters.

But *not* recycling isn't an option for eco-friendly Bohnet, 24.

She stores her used shampoo bottles, plastic wrappers and paper in a bin inside her apartment. She doesn't own a car, so she reserves a Zipcar every other week to haul her recyclables to a drop-off center at Sheffield Avenue and Diversey Parkway in Lakeview. If the containers at that drop-off center are overflowing, she travels to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Lincoln Park.

"To me, it's surprising that Chicago claims to be so green yet recycling is so difficult," Bohnet said.

The city begs to differ on the state of recycling. Matt Smith, spokesman for the city's Streets and Sanitation Department, called recycling a priority for city government and noted the strides Chicago has made recently: trading blue bags for blue carts and doubling the number of recycling drop-off locations to 30.

"At a time when government has been cutting back on everything, and that's been for the past couple years, we continue to move this forward," Smith said.

Since it was introduced in 2005, blue cart service is available in parts or all of 29 of the city's 50 wards at a total of 241,000 households so far. Between January and June this year, 22,752 tons of recycled materials have been collected in blue bins—plus 1,547 tons of yard waste, which the city counts as recyclables—for a combined

NEWS YOU CAN REUSE

Want to know what to do if your building doesn't offer recycling? Information on how to start recycling programs can be found on the city Web site chicagorecycles.org. Click on "residential recycling" in the left rail. Then, click on "multi-unit buildings." Included is a five-step process for buildings "to implement an effective recycling plan."

recycling rate of 14.72 percent, according to city data. The 2009 figure for half the year already is approaching the 28,698 tons of blue bin recyclables collected in all of 2008.

Parts of Lincoln Park, Wicker Park, Bucktown and Logan Square received blue carts in the city's latest rollout in June. But there's no word on when or where the next expansion of service will occur. The city plans to deliver blue carts to 600,000 homes by 2011.

Still, there are limitations to the program. Only single-family homes and buildings of four dwelling units or less are eligible for city service, leaving high-rises to make recycling available themselves, which the city has mandated since 1995. The frustration for residents kicks in when buildings skirt the law.

Laura Seul lives in a Bowmanville apartment building that doesn't have recycling. For a time she threw away her recyclables, but later guilt-tripped herself into being green. Now, not only does she recycle, she also picks up materials her neighbors leave by the Dumpster and takes them to the drop-off center in Rogers Park.

"I just try to take care of myself and do what I can," Seul, 33, said.

She's not alone in keeping the drop-off sites busy. For the first six months of 2009, there were 2,024 tons of recyclables deposited, compared to 3,019 tons in all of 2008 and 1,455 tons in 2007, Smith said.

Melissa Kalensky, 27, of the West Loop drives her recyclables to the South Loop drop-off

Kelly Bohnet, 24, lives a green lifestyle. She ditched her car and either walks or bikes to work.

BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNSKI
FOR REDEYE



center on Clark Street near 17th Street. To her, there is no alternative.

"I can't just not [recycle]," she said. "I would love it if [my building] would do recycling ... I'd be willing to pay a fee because it is a hassle" to schlep her bottles and cans.

She said she was told her building doesn't offer recycling because it's too costly.

The problem, said Mike Nowak, president of the Chicago Recycling Coalition, is that residential buildings too often get away with ignoring

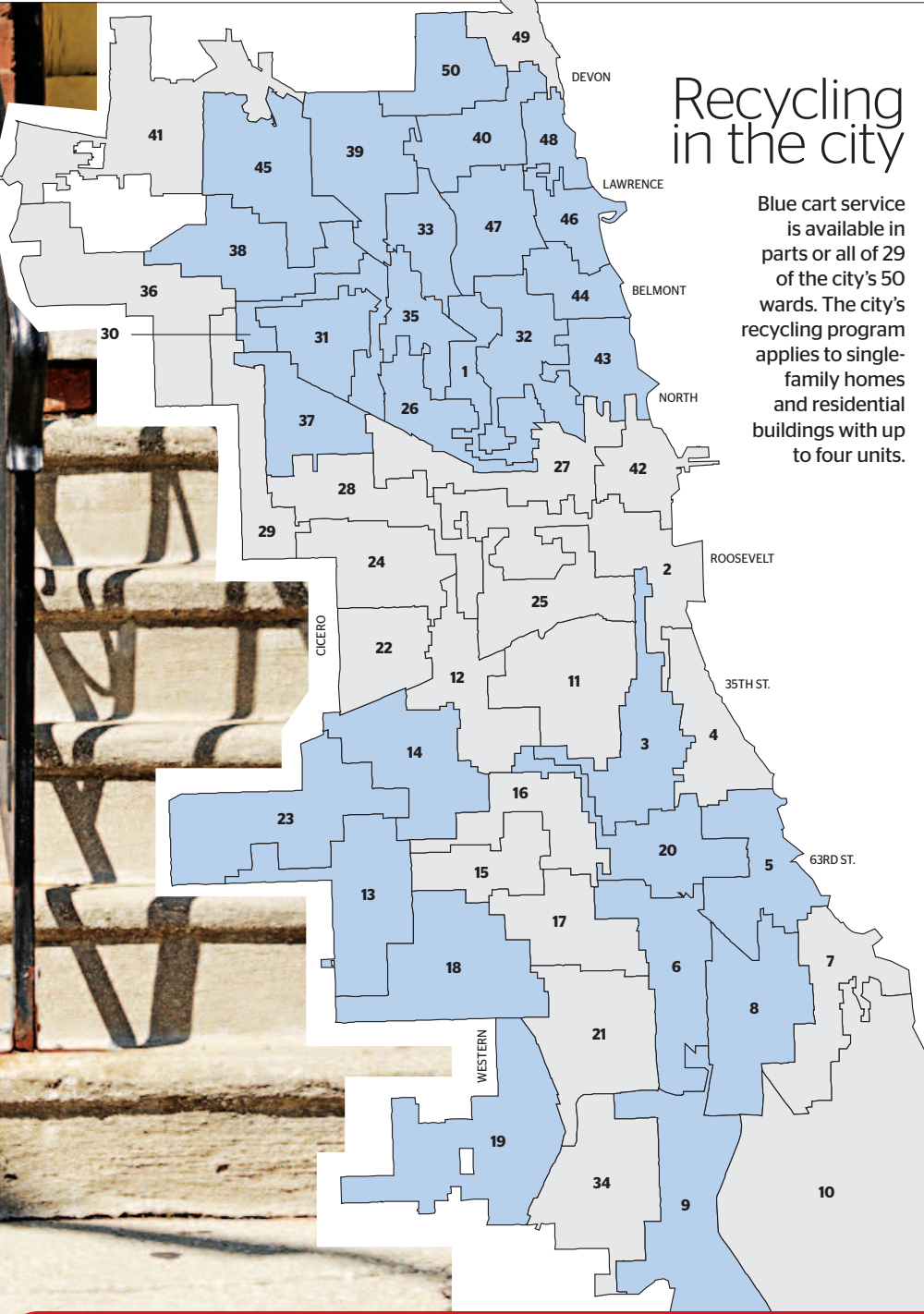
the city's law to provide residents with a recycling plan, taking advantage of lax enforcement. (So far this year, 57 tickets have been issued for violating the ordinance, compared to 46 in 2008 and 85 in 2007, Smith said. The fine is \$25 to \$100 each day the ordinance is violated.)

A task force of city officials, haulers and environmental groups met this spring to propose ways to strengthen the law, Nowak said. Separately, a city study of recycling at 20 multi-unit buildings in the 46th Ward last year called



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Chicago's recycling program: Love it or hate it? Share your opinion, and learn more about going green while you're at it, at chicagonow.com/practically-green



Recycling in the city

Blue cart service is available in parts or all of 29 of the city's 50 wards. The city's recycling program applies to single-family homes and residential buildings with up to four units.

for more aggressive enforcement among its suggestions to improve the local recycling rate. Nowak said he is waiting to see if the task force recommendations are used. No timetable has been set on how soon changes to the current ordinance could be proposed, Smith said. The important thing is to make recycling convenient, said Ken Dunn, founder and president of the Resource Center, a nonprofit environmental education organization in Chicago. The Resource Center picks up recyclables for a fee at more than 100 apartment and condo buildings and operates drop-off locations separate from the city's. "I've always felt we can only get widespread

cooperation in recycling if recycling is as convenient as throwing it in the garbage," Dunn said. It's not too convenient for Bohnet, the Lincoln Park recycler, or for her neighbors, she said. "I have two friends who live in my building and they don't recycle. They're not as green as I am and it's not convenient for them," Bohnet said. For now, Bohnet keeps making her drop-off runs. "It's not beneficial to throw stuff away, especially if it can be reused," she said. "It's just keeping your planet green. I have to live here." LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM

Rewarding recyclists

A New York-based company wants to reward Chicagoans for helping save the environment. Starting this month, RecycleBank is offering a reward points program to about 10,000 households with blue carts in the 5th, 8th and 19th Wards with the goal of increasing recycling rates. Participants will have their recyclables weighed at pick up. RecycleBank's reward system converts the pounds into points, which can then be redeemed online for rewards and gift cards. One pound equals 2.5 points, so, for example, 16 pounds of recyclables would net 40 points, which can be redeemed for a

\$4 discount off a \$20 purchase at CVS. How does RecycleBank know how to distribute the points? The blue carts involved in the rewards program have been retrofitted with ID tags to track individual recycling activity. RecycleBank's goal is to divert 600 tons of waste in six months from the 10,000 participating homes, said Atul Nanda, RecycleBank's vice president in the Midwest region. If the program proves successful, the company plans to roll out the program to 38,000 households in the three wards, he said. **LEONOR VIVANCO**

Leslie Brown Simmons talks Tuesday about the death of her sister, Christine Johnson Tyler. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE

Lakefront parking? It'll cost you

Chicago Tribune

Chicago Park District leaders said Tuesday that free parking along the lakefront will disappear in about four to six weeks.

The free spots will cost \$1 an hour after the Park District finalizes details of a deal it approved in May with Standard Parking to take over management of more than 4,400 spaces.

Park District Supt. Tim Mitchell's comments came at a City Council hearing where aldermen—who last December approved Mayor Daley's parking meter deal with little scrutiny—sought to question the Park District's privatization plan. Aldermen have taken political heat from an upset public over the higher city meter rates and a botched transition to the private operator.

"This was a done deal back in November," Mitchell said.

How did we score?

For the third year in a row, Illinois' average composite score on the ACT college entrance exam has increased, the State Board of Education reported Wednesday. Students made gains or maintained the average scores in all subject areas from 2008 to 2009.

The state's composite score for the Class of 2009 was 20.8 on the test's scale of 1 to 36. The national average was 21.1. **AP**

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MURDER-SUICIDE TRAGEDY

ESTRANGED HUSBAND KILLS WIFE, THEN SELF

Chicago Tribune

Leslie Brown Simmons had been a victim of domestic violence, even going to prison after being convicted of arranging the murder of her husband who had allegedly beaten her with a pipe and threatened to kill her.

Now, she leads workshops on how to escape abusive relationships and had even recently counseled her sister, Christine Johnson Tyler, like she would any other victim: Change the locks. Don't be surprised if your husband beats you one day and buys you jewelry the next. If you want to be separated, don't let him back in the house.

"She listened but she didn't take my advice," said Brown Simmons, 55, of Maywood.

Johnson Tyler, 52, was pronounced dead at 4 a.m. Tuesday in her home in Austin. Her estranged husband, Gardell Tyler, 57, shot her multiple times, then shot and killed himself a few hours later at his workplace, police said.

The couple had been together for more than 30 years but were married for just about a decade, family members said.

For the past week Tyler told those close to him he was angry and wanted to kill his estranged wife and himself, a police source said.

Family members said Johnson Tyler had just finished cooking when Tyler stopped by.

Johnson Tyler usually worked until 10:30 p.m. for Securitas, a company that provides security for the CTA, among others. She

cooked when she got home for her three children and two grandchildren who lived with her, so they had something to eat the next evening, said her brother, Larry Sistrunk. She had two other children and six additional grandchildren who lived elsewhere.

Though she and Tyler separated at the beginning of the year, she let him stop by to see the children and grandchildren, Sistrunk said.

As Johnson Tyler and her estranged husband were talking in a bedroom at about 1 a.m. Tuesday, her adult children hanging out on the front porch heard them arguing, followed by gunshots.

Their son, Isaiah, bolted into the house and kicked in the bedroom door, his uncle said.

"That's when he seen his mother on the ground and he was trying to stop [his father] from shooting again," Sistrunk said.

Tyler managed to escape, running out the back door and fleeing in his pickup truck. Police who responded at about 1 a.m. to a call of shots fired in the 5200 block of West Ferdinand Street found Johnson Tyler shot in the back.

Just before 5 a.m., police went to an apartment building in the 1800 block of South Pulaski Road to try to take Tyler into custody. He had gone to hide out where he worked in maintenance. Family members showed up and tried to calm him down, but he apparently took his own life about two hours later.

Tyler's family members could not be reached for comment or declined comment.

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Convicted arsonist freed after 28 years

A man serving four life sentences for a 1981 arson that killed four people on the South Side decided to forgo his efforts to get a new trial and accepted a plea deal for prosecutors that will allow him to leave prison.

Mark Clements, 45, pleaded guilty to one count of murder in the death of Robert Watson, one of the four victims. In exchange, he was sentenced to time served, a little more than 28 years in prison. He was expected to be released Tuesday from Pontiac Correctional Facility.

Clements, who was 16 at the time of the murders, alleged his confession was coerced by Chicago police detectives after they beat him. In June, Circuit Judge Jorge Alonso granted his request to file a petition seeking a new trial.

Clement's defense team had argued that they had evidence that the murders were committed by members of a motorcycle gang. But the lengthy process of proving it and the chance that he might be convicted a second time led to the decision to plead guilty, said Christal Lint, one of Clements' attorneys.

"From a legal standpoint, the procedural hurdles to prove actual innocence, it wasn't enough to show that the motorcycle gang was involved. The legal standard was to show that Mark had absolutely no involvement whatsoever," Lint said. "It was a risk. You have a person that's been in prison 28 years, and he was offered a deal to get out now."

Kids found in squalor

A 29-year-old woman was charged with eight counts of child endangerment Tuesday after police conducting a well-being check discovered her children living in squalor in Bronzeville.

Mary Steele, of the 3800 block of South Calumet Ave., was charged with the misdemeanors and released from police custody early Tuesday afternoon, police said. She has an Oct. 2 court date, police said.

The woman's children, who range in age from 2 months to 11 years, are in foster care after officials from the Department of Children and Family Services were notified, officials said.

About 1 a.m., someone called police and asked them to check on a family living in the 3800 block of South Calumet Avenue, said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer Ron Gaines. A concerned neighbor called about the children being alone and living in squalid conditions, Wentworth District police said.

When they arrived, police found the children left alone in an apartment with no working plumbing and minimal food, Gaines said. He also said the apartment was filthy.



Mary Steele talks Tuesday with officers outside her home in the 3800 block of South Calumet Avenue, where police removed her eight children after a well-being check found them living in squalid conditions. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

Outside the home Tuesday, Steele said she left her children unattended for only about 15 minutes when she went to a nearby drugstore. When she returned she found that police had been called because of noise at the home. She said

she left her children watching TV.

"I'm [mad] at myself for leaving them," she said. "I'm never leaving my kids alone in the house for a second again."

All the children appeared to be in good condition, Gaines said.



Construction worker dies in accident

A construction worker died Tuesday after the front end loader he was driving fell seven stories to the ground in a construction accident in the South Loop, officials said. According to Chicago Fire Department spokesman Qwenton Curtis, the Bobcat had been lifted to the seventh floor about 9:40 a.m. Tuesday morning at a demolition site in the 2400 block of South State Street. The driver, a man in his 30s, was extricated by Fire Department personnel, Curtis said.

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Kennedy won't run for Senate, governor

Merchandise Mart mogul and political heir Chris Kennedy told supporters Tuesday he isn't running for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Roland Burris. An aide said that the same holds true for a run for governor. Kennedy is the son of the late Robert F. Kennedy.

Biden visiting Chicago to talk health care

Vice President Joe Biden will visit Mt. Sinai Hospital on Thursday to lead a discussion on health insurance reform, White House officials said. Biden will be accompanied by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. They will appear at the Sinai Community Institute, 2653 W. Ogden Ave. Biden will discuss health care and stress the importance of health insurance reform, including health information technology infrastructure and preventive care, White House officials said.

2nd suspect nabbed in robberies

A second suspect was charged Tuesday in connection with a string of robberies near two South Side Metra stations last month. Gregg Wilson, 16, of the 7900 block of South Paulina Street, was arrested Monday and charged as an adult. Detectives were able to identify Wilson and accomplice Lee Mintz of the 8500 block of South Ingleside Avenue through Metra video surveillance photos. Mintz was arrested Aug. 12.



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Ex-S. Korean president dies

1 Former President Kim Dae-jung, who spent years as a dissident under South Korea's military dictatorship and later won the Nobel Peace Prize for seeking reconciliation with communist North Korea, has died. He was 85.

Cyberbullying charges

2 A 40-year-old woman from St. Peters, Mo., has been charged with cyberbullying for allegedly posting a teenage girl's photo and personal information on the "Casual Encounters" section of Craigslist.

Divers rescued

3 Four Russian scuba divers who were swept away by strong currents in the shark-infested waters off southern Egypt were found alive Tuesday after they managed to swim miles back to shore, said a tourism official in Hurghada, Egypt.

Robert Novak dies

4 Robert D. Novak, an influential columnist and panelist on TV news-discussion shows who called himself a "stirrer up of strife" on behalf of conservative causes, died Tuesday at his home in Washington of a brain tumor. He was 78.

Hijacking arrests

5 The Russian navy has arrested eight men accused of hijacking the Arctic Sea freighter near Sweden and forcing the crew to sail to West Africa—the latest twist in a puzzling maritime mystery.

Protecting species

Twenty-nine species in more than 20 states—from a rare beach-dwelling plant in Yellowstone National Park to a caddis fly in Nebraska—may need federal protections to avoid extinction, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Bill and Bermuda

The first hurricane of the Atlantic season loomed far out in the ocean Tuesday, gaining power and moving on a track that forecasters said could take it close to Bermuda by the end of the week.

Bollywood star scaling back visits

6 **NEW DELHI** Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan said Tuesday he will cut back on visits to the U.S., especially with his family, after he was questioned by immigration officials at a New York-area airport.

Khan, 44, was taken aside at Newark's Liberty International Airport on Friday for what officials said was routine questioning. They denied he was formally detained, saying the incident lasted barely more than an hour and was prolonged only because his bag had been lost by the airline.

But the questioning set off outrage in India, where politicians, sports celebrities and film

**Khan**

The Muslim actor was promoting his latest film, "My Name is Khan," about racial profiling after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

stars regularly receive VIP treatment at airports. Angry fans burned a U.S. flag and protested what they saw as ill-treatment of a beloved star, and politicians called for an investigation.

Khan told reporters Tuesday after returning to Mumbai that the incident had been "blown out of proportion." But he said the questioning—which included requests for the names of people who could vouch for him—embarrassed him.

He said he will travel to the U.S. less frequently.

"Of course I will visit the U.S. if I have to go for my work. But I will go less often. If I have three things to do, I will club them together and go just once," he said. "And certainly, I wouldn't like to travel with my family to the U.S."



7 British soldiers gather evidence Tuesday next to destroyed cars at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack on the outskirts of Kabul. A Taliban suicide bomber attacked a NATO convoy, killing at least seven people and wounding more than 50, officials said. **AP**

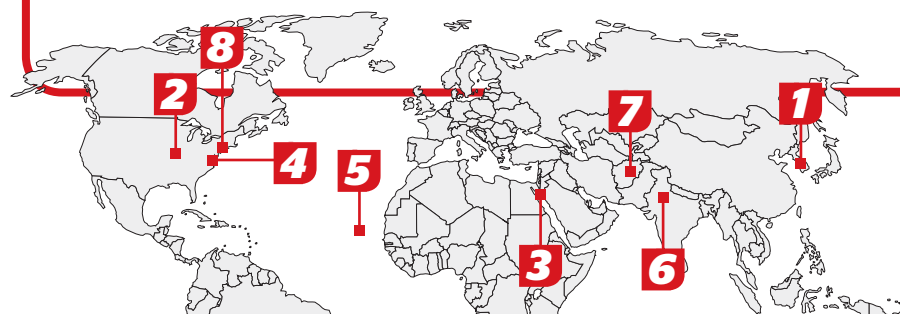
Is that what killed Mozart?

8 **PHILADELPHIA** What killed Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart so suddenly in 1791? Was the 35-year-old composer poisoned? Could it have been kidney failure? A parasite?

A report in Tuesday's *Annals of Internal Medicine*, a medical journal published in Philadelphia, suggests it might have been something far more common: a strep infection.

Researchers looked at death records in Vienna in the months surrounding his death. The data suggests that there was a minor strep epidemic around that time, and some of Mozart's symptoms, including swelling and fever, could have come from strep.

A more than 200-year-old rumor suggests composer Antonio Salieri poisoned Mozart. The rumor has been widely discredited.

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A musician is reunited with his 18th-Century violin after he mistakenly left it in a New York City cab. City taxi officials say a GPS device in the cab led to the quick return of the instrument to Korean violinist Hanh-Bin on Monday. The violin is valued at around \$600,000.

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New Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre talks Tuesday during a news conference. AP

BRETT FAVRE 3.0

LOOK OUT, BEARS! A FAMILIAR—AND DANGEROUS—FOE IS BACK IN THE GAME



Five games for Bears fans

Here are the games that on first glance appear to have the most interest for Bears fans. You know, if they can stomach watching Brett Favre. REDEYE



WEEK 1

Minnesota at Cleveland, Sept. 13
Favre steps under center for the first time as a Viking in a game that counts.



WEEK 4

Minnesota vs. Green Bay, Oct. 5
Nothing like watching division rivals beat up on each other on a Monday night.



BEARS UNFAZED BY FAVRE'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. Brett Favre unretired again and will be wearing purple this time. Chew on that, Cheeseheads.

Pulling an about-face on his playing status for the second straight summer, the three-time MVP quarterback will suit up for his old rival Minnesota starting with Friday's preseason game at the Metrodome. The goal: help the Vikings win that elusive first Super Bowl.

"You need to cross over that line. You need to take that chance," Favre said at his introductory news conference Tuesday, recalling the advice Minnesota coach Brad Childress gave him. "At 39 years old, your arm may not feel like it did at 21, but the pieces are in place here where you don't have to do as much." He added: "If they were willing to take that chance, I was too."

The Bears, who get their first shot at Favre on Nov. 29 in Minnesota, had fun with the quarterback's now-legendary lack of decisiveness.

"I hope he's going to change his mind when he's going to throw the ball away [and] throws it into coverage," Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said with a laugh. "The bottom line is, Brett Favre's a great quarterback."

The Bears no doubt were sick of questions about the former Packers legend returning to the NFC North, this time in purple rather than green. Brian Urlacher wasn't the least bit shocked by the news.

"What will he bring to the division? The same thing he did last time," Urlacher said. "It doesn't matter [that he's getting older]. He's still Brett Favre. I don't think it's going to be that big of a change. Better running game, obviously, than he had in the past. Other than that, he's the same guy."

Charles Tillman, "excited" about Favre's return, was asked if the quarterback could damage the Vikings' chemistry.

"No. I don't think he can hurt them," he said. "I think he can only help them."

The wait for Favre's decision dragged through May, June and July—at which point he said he would stay retired. But that was three weeks ago. On Tuesday, it all was resolved in a matter of hours.

"I think it's great for football," Favre said. "I can't see how you think it wouldn't be."

On July 28, the man who holds every major NFL career passing record told Childress he wasn't ready to play, citing a lack of confidence in his beat-up body to hold up over an entire season. Favre revealed Tuesday that he was told by Dr. James Andrews, who performed the arthroscopic surgery on his throwing shoulder in May, that he's been playing with a torn rotator cuff for a few years.

Neither Favre nor the Vikings expressed any concern about his health, though, on this whirlwind day. Favre was defiant, actually, when asked about widespread criticism of his flip-flopping.

"Don't watch, you know?" he said, adding: "My legacy, it's mine. It's what I think of it."

Favre brushed off suggestions he's driven by revenge on the Packers, who wouldn't let him have his old job back last summer when he reconsidered.

"The bottom line is it's football," Favre said. "Once you step into the huddle, I don't look at the helmets. I look at the faces."

The Vikings did not release the deal's terms. ESPN, citing anonymous sources, said Favre would receive \$12 million this season and \$13 million next season. **TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED.**

Jay talking

We now interrupt the Brett Favre coverage to resume our day-to-day look at Jay Cutler's first training camp with the Bears.

On the run: Facing probably the most intense defensive pressure of camp thus far, Cutler struggled Tuesday. During his second-to-last series, he went 0 of 3, including passes nearly picked off by safeties Kevin Payne and Al Afalava.

Pick and run: After one of Cutler's passes tipped off the hands of Greg Olsen, it landed in the arms of injured cornerback Charles Tillman on the sideline. Tillman corralled the ball and pretended to take off.

Tip drill: Cutler had a number of his passes deflected, including one by Lance Briggs, who also intercepted a bobbled ball by Desmond Clark. Coordinator Ron Turner wasn't discouraged, pointing out that players aren't doing their usual blocking schemes.

Welcome back, old man

While some were annoyed, angry or indifferent about the return of Brett Favre, I was ecstatic. And why wouldn't I be? The Bears possess arguably the best team in the division and Favre has bones more fragile than the economy. In the interest of comforting my fellow Chicagoans, here is why Bears fans should be happy Favre is a Viking.



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10 PRESSURE'S OFF CUTLER

With Favre in the picture, Bears QB Jay Cutler can fade into the background and watch as the media get sucked into Favre's AARP-sponsored vortex.

9 PAD THE STATS

The Bears have some young'uns roaming around the secondary, and playing Favre two times a year can make them look like Pro Bowlers.

8 SPOTLIGHT'S ON NFC NORTH

The Black and Blue Division once again will reign supreme not only on the NFL landscape, but also in the global sports consciousness.

7 HE'S THE NEMESIS

The most hated—yet respected—nemesis in Bears history returns to quench our thirst for an adversary.

6 INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Bears fans would be wise to buy some stock in Wrangler thanks to Favre's latest comeback attempt. That jeans commercial will be in heavy rotation every Sunday for the next decade.

5 HE SLOWS PURPLE JESUS

Similar to "the only guy who held Michael Jordan under 50 points was Dean Smith" principle, Favre will do more to slow down stud RB Adrian Peterson than the Bears ever could.

4 COUNT ON A NOSE DIVE

Favre's late-season tailspins are as certain as a Cubs playoff collapse.

3 MADDEN 2009?

As we speak, John Madden surely is preparing to announce his un-retirement from the broadcast booth, setting up an ending comparable only to that of "The Notebook."

2 TWO MORE CHANCES

I'm not saying the Bears want to injure Mr. Favre, but a couple of bumps, bruises or sprains would be a sight to behold for any Bears fan.

1 THE CHEESEHEADS ARE MISERABLE

Anything that makes a Packers fan want to cry, vomit or hit something makes me happy.

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WEEK 8

Minnesota at Green Bay, Nov. 1
The grudge match rematch. How is Favre's body holding up to the pounding?



WEEK 12

Minnesota vs. Chicago, Nov. 29
Brett Favre vs. Jay Cutler. Oh, the buildup to this game will be tremendous!



WEEK 16

Minnesota at Chicago, Dec. 28
How exciting would this Monday-night clash be if a playoff berth were on the line?





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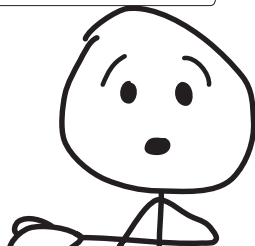
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1 What does David Beckham's suspension for Wednesday's game in Chicago mean for the Fire?	That people will actually be at the game to watch the Fire.	Lots of women will be scalping tickets to this one. Who needs two at the top of the box?	The Fire will have to bend it like um ... McBride?	No exchanges or returns for purchased tickets.	It's like the worst surprise birthday party ever.
2 Does Patrick Kane deserve to play for Team USA in the Winter Olympics?	Sure, if he wears a cabbie uniform.	Actually, I think playing for Team USA would be a very apt punishment.	Yeah, but they should make him take public transportation to the games.	Yes, as long as it helps us beat out Team Canada.	He said he's sorry, didn't he? Good enough for me.
3 Give our readers a nugget of advice for their NFL fantasy league drafts.	Two words: Pittsburgh Steelers.	I would stay away from Bear QBs and WRs. And RBs. Also, Bear TEs.	Do NOT draft a QB in the first two rounds, especially not Mr. Psych-I'm-Not-Retired-Again Brett Favre.	Take Brett Favre. Apparently he is coming back now that training camp is over.	Draft only running backs.
4 More important to the Bears: Jay Cutler's arm or Brian Urlacher's back?	I was going to say nachos, but if you force me to choose, Cutler's arm.	I think it's cute how people are pretending we're going to have an offense.	Jay Cutler's arm, but Lovie Smith's brain probably trumps both.	Jay Cutler's mouth.	Is Jay Cutler new in Chicago? He should ride the Ferris wheel at Navy Pier!
5 How happy are the Cubs to have Ted Lilly back?	With all the losing going on, no one in the clubhouse noticed.	As happy as Kevin Gregg with a 20-run lead.	To Cubs Nation he is the Lilly-of-the-Valley right now. I love botany humor!	So happy that they are having a going-away party for Kevin Gregg.	They celebrated with an impromptu hokeypokey dance in the clubhouse.



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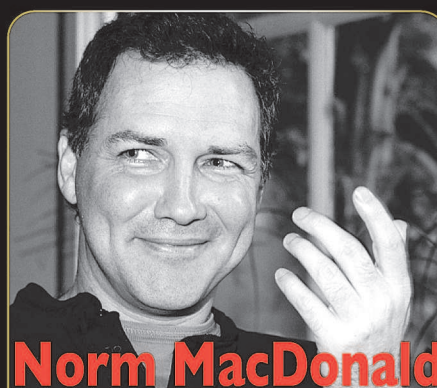
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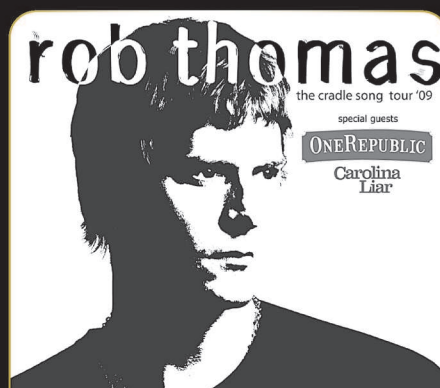
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BULLPEN BUSTS

That's it for the Kevin Gregg closer era, folks. The Cubs right-hander lost his job in stunning fashion Monday night in San Diego's Petco Park, when he gave up four two-out runs in a 4-1 loss to the Padres.

Manager Lou Piniella announced Tuesday that Carlos Marmol would inherit the job. "I told you they believe in me," Marmol said. "And I believe in myself."

But back to Gregg, whose meltdown was so spectacular it may have sealed his fate in a Cubs history filled with questionable closers. Who are the worst in Cub annals? Here are our picks for the bottom dwellers:

LaTroy Hawkins 2004-05

Epic moment: On Sept. 24, 2004, he served up a game-tying, three-run homer to Mets outfielder Victor Diaz with two outs in the ninth of an 11-inning loss at Shea Stadium. The Cubs never recovered, blowing a wild-card playoff lead and playoff bid.

Bottom line: Forced into the closer's role by Joe Borowski's injury, Hawkins immediately had a news conference to announce he wasn't talking to the media. Bad move. It was all downhill from there.

Goose Gossage 1988

Epic moment: On Aug. 22 at Wrigley, he blew a 6-4 lead over Houston in the ninth for his ninth blown save, then served up game-winning homer to Craig Biggio leading off 10th.

Bottom line: Already despised by Cubs fans for his role with the '84 Padres, Gossage was brought in at 36 to replace deposed closer Lee Smith. As predicted by most, this Goose was cooked.

Mel Rojas 1997

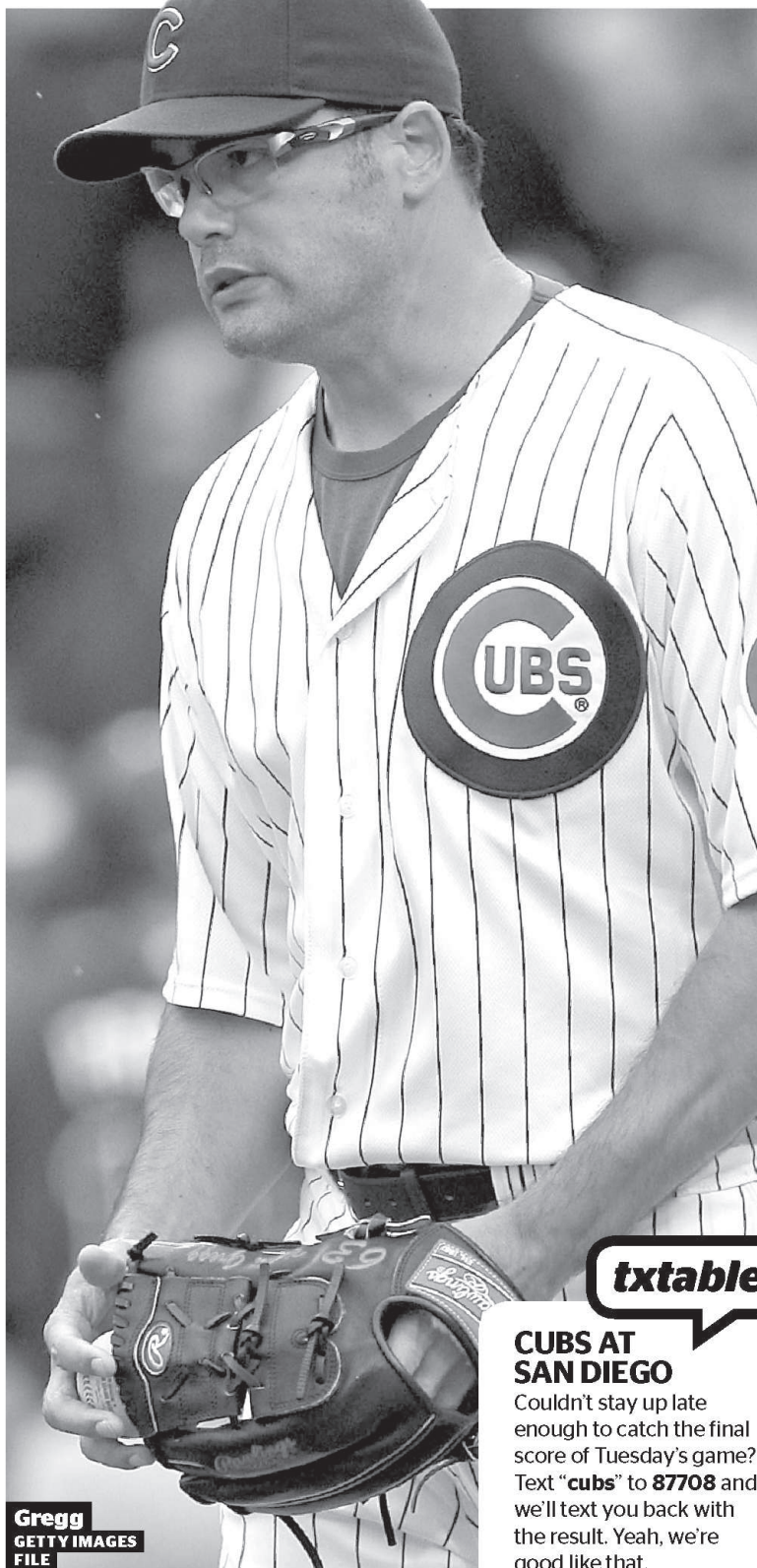
Epic moment: After getting off to an 0-14 start, the Cubs were playing better in June before Rojas served up a game-tying, three-run homer to Mike Lieberthal in a 10-inning loss in Philadelphia.

Bottom line: Rojas performed well in Montreal's dome before signing a three-year deal with the Cubs. Rojas quickly conceded he didn't like pitching in cold weather. Too bad no one told GM Ed Lynch.

Kevin Gregg 2009

Epic moment: On Monday night in San Diego, he gave up a game-tying double with two outs to blow 1-0 lead, then served up a three-run bomb to Kyle Blanks to lose the game and end a 4 1/2-month stint as closer.

Bottom line: Three blown saves in August, including Monday night's killer, may have doomed the Cubs in the NL Central race. He must rebound down the stretch, or else it's adios for Gregg this winter.



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MLB Cubs at San Diego

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Whatever is ailing Kevin Gregg, let's hope it's not contagious.



MLS Fire vs. Los Angeles

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David Beckham who? This game still features MLS superstars Landon Donovan and Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

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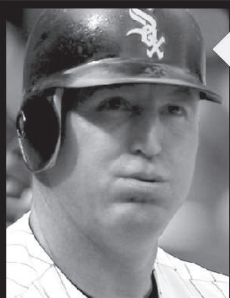
Designated hitter Jim Thome (left) was out of the lineup again Tuesday, but he said he believes he will return Wednesday. Thome said his left heel has bothered him since Spring Training.

» More than 200 Scottish cyclists rode with Lance Armstrong in pouring rain Tuesday after the seven-time Tour de France winner issued a Twitter invitation to join him for a casual ride in the Paisley district of Glasgow.

"We've won a lot of games without him and we're going to have to have other guys step up."

—L.A. Galaxy forward Landon Donovan, on David Beckham's suspension for Wednesday's game against the Fire

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By Amelia Levin

For the first time since Season 2, there won't be a single Chicago chef competing when Bravo's "Top Chef" kicks off its sixth season (8 p.m. Wednesday). But it's not for a lack of young, talented local chefs flying just under the radar. We're pretty sure these three could hold their own against any challenge Padma could throw their way—but we're happy they won't have to, since that means we get to keep them cooking for us right here at home.

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Pastry chef, Jam (937 N. Damen Ave.)
Culinary education: Western Culinary Institute, Portland, Ore.

Weeks-old Ukrainian Village brunch spot Jam has been busy since opening day, thanks in no small part to the restaurant's sweet side: pastry chef Jessica Lane. Though her olive oil cakes made with fennel and fresh fruits threaten to steal the show, she's also having fun with muffins both savory and sweet, offering combos such as blueberry with orange and almond. "I like to use a lot of farm-fresh ingredients and mix savory flavors with sweet ones in classic ways—but with little twists," she says.

Ingredients she can't live without: Butter, chocolate, sugar, thyme, other herbs

What she'd cook for Tom: "I've been playing a lot with doughnuts. The other day I made a doughnut hole amuse with a lemon curd filling ... dusted with fennel seed and powdered sugar."

What she'd cook for Padma: "I really like milk tarts, very simple African cream tarts. That, or maybe a selection of different caramels. Something gooey, with a little chocolate."

Quickfire or elimination? Quickfire. "I tend to work fast and cleanly ... less methodical, more experimentation."

CHUY VALENCIA, 23

Chef/owner, Chilam Balam (3023 N. Broadway)
Culinary education: California Culinary Academy (Le Cordon Bleu), San Francisco

Born and raised in California by Mexican parents, the fiery chef-owner of soon-to-open Lakeview BYOB Chilam Balam has been working in restaurants since he was 16, starting as a dishwasher and working his way up. Though he's young, he can hold his own in the kitchen. "When I was barely 21 and the chef de cuisine at Adobo Grill, I had to tell 40- and 50-year-olds what to do," he says. "I'm only 23, but I can whoop some butt too." Valencia's no stranger to "Top Chef"—he auditioned twice but pulled out because he wanted to open the restaurant.

Secret weapon: "My subtle, almost hippie approach to cooking. I grew up with that 'farm-to-table' mentality [Valencia spent much of his childhood on his grandparents' ranch and orchard in Mexico] ... but I have some liquid nitrogen tricks up my sleeve that I'm not afraid to bust out."

What he'd cook for Padma: Something exotic and spicy. Ceviche with halibut cheeks or abalone (a mollusk), habaneros and an oven-baked tostada.

What he'd cook for Tom: Something hearty. Braised short ribs in a dark mole, baked in a clay oven.

"Top Chef" crush: Elia Aboumrad from Season 2. "She's Mexican and outgoing like me—I know we'd have some pretty wild arguments, and you know what that leads to."

SHAW LASH, 28

Executive chef, XOCO (449 N. Clark St.)
Culinary education: Self-taught (bachelor's degree in Latin American studies and Spanish from University of Texas)

This Austin, Texas, native first learned Mexican cuisine by the book. "I cooked out of Rick Bayless' book and was following [author and Mexican cooking authority] Diana Kennedy as far back as 10 or 12 years ago," she says. Fast forward a decade, and she's laying much of the groundwork for XOCO, Bayless' new casual concept aiming for a Sept. 1 opening. (Lash met Bayless at cooking demos near San Miguel in Mexico's Guanajuato state. He invited her to stage at Frontera Grill, and she moved up quickly.) Lash doesn't watch "Top Chef," but she knows whom she's rooting for to win Wednesday's "Top Chef Masters" finale, on which Bayless is a contestant. "OK, maybe I'm a little biased," she says.

Five ingredients she can't live without: Habanero chilies, pork, fresh farmers market greens, cilantro, fresh lime

How she deals with stress: Swimming, yoga, biking to and from work, training for the Chicago Triathlon. ("[XOCO] may be opening the night before though, so we'll see!")

Favorite indulgence: Chocolate. "It's a good thing—or maybe bad—that I'll soon be around it all day." (XOCO is importing fresh cocoa beans from Mexico's Tabasco state for its one-of-a-kind, in-house chocolate program.)

How she'd spend \$100,000, the "Top Chef" grand prize: A big trip along the Pacific Ocean, from southern Chile up to Alaska, eating, drinking and speaking a lot of Spanish along the way.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
rkpalmore@tribune.com

wed 19 **'Top Chef' party**
Kit Kat Lounge, 3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111.
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Radhika Desai hosts the premiere of "Top Chef: Las Vegas" (8 p.m.) and the finale of "Top Chef Masters" (9 p.m.). Desai also leads a cocktail demo (7:15 p.m.) and a Q&A (10 p.m.). No cover.

Pink Slip Party

District Bar, 170 W. Ontario St.
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Banana Republic, 744 N. Michigan Ave.

Score a 25 percent discount on all store items at this shopping party hosted by the Lincoln Park Young Professionals. Includes appetizers, caviar, champagne and cocktails. 6 p.m. \$25-\$30. 312-642-5097.

Backyard Bags

Will's Northwoods Inn, 3030 N. Racine Ave. 773-528-4400.
Metromix and Leinenkugel's host a bracket-style tourney for eight teams of two randomly selected from the pool (registration opens at 7 p.m.). The grand prize is two portable grills and coolers. No cover.

fri 21 Glamorama 2009

The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St.
312-462-6300.

Ne-Yo headlines the fall fashion gala showcasing C'N'C Costume National, Jean Paul Gaultier and other designers. 8 p.m. \$50-\$75; \$175 includes an afterparty. Tickets: ticketmaster.com

FREE **'Water Fools'**
Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave.

Chicago Shakespeare Theater hosts French troupe Ilotopie, who stage a waterborne spectacle ripe with special effects. Admission is first-come, first-served. 9:15 p.m. Friday-Saturday. 312-595-5600.

You say tomato ...

This week marks the start of the **Old School BLT Bonanza**, the juiciest part of Chicago TomatoFest, Slow Food Chicago's month-long celebration of local heirloom tomatoes. If you love a good BLT, it really is a bonanza: 15 spots offer spins on the sandwich, from catering company City Provisions' classic take incorporating heirlooms and lettuce from Heritage Prairie Farms (Elburn, Ill.) and bacon from Faith's Farm (Bonfield, Ill.) to a version from **Cafe Spiaggia** (980 N. Michigan Ave.) using house-made lamb pancetta, Capriole (Greenville, Ind.) goat cheese and Nichols Farm (Marengo, Ill.) heirlooms. Get City Provisions' BLT at **Green Grocer Chicago** (1402 W. Grand Ave.); other sandwiches are on menus at participating restaurants through Sept. 20.

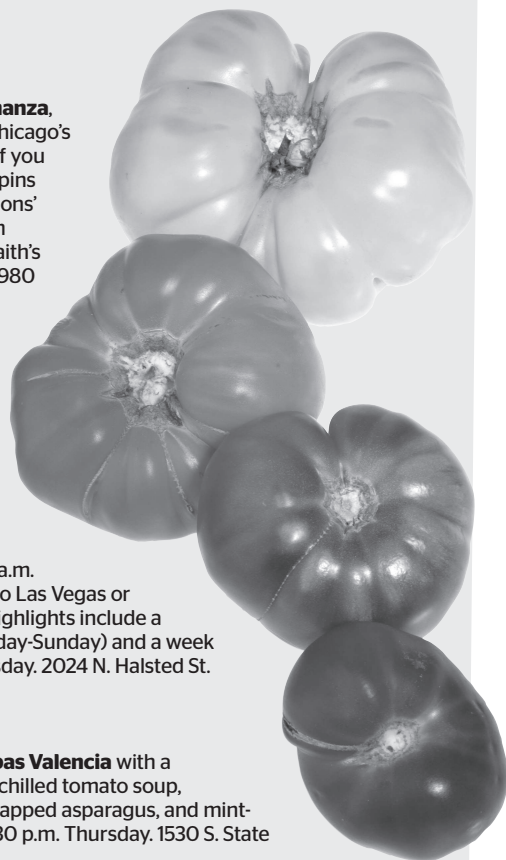
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Tomato Fest Dinner

Celebrate Spanish style at South Loop tapas spot **Tapas Valencia** with a five-course dinner and wine pairings. Dishes include chilled tomato soup, charcoal-grilled plum tomatoes with serrano ham-wrapped asparagus, and mint-mascarpone cheesecake with tomato sorbet. \$45. 6:30 p.m. Thursday, 1530 S. State St. 312-842-4444.



DINING DEALS THROUGH SUNDAY

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Thu.-Sat.: Half-price appetizers and flatbreads in the bar after 10 p.m.; 1371 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-2700.

CARNIVALE

6:30 p.m. Wed.: Margaritas 101. Mixologist Victor Beheza leads a hands-on class featuring recipes for a classic margarita and a seasonal variation. Includes samples and appetizers. \$25. RSVP required; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Thu.: \$19 three-course lunch; 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

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6:30 p.m. Sat.: \$35 three-course dinner; 535 N. Wells St. 312-755-1790.

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11 a.m. Sat.: Summer Pintxos cooking class. Executive chef Dudley Nieto demonstrates preparation of cold pintxos. Samples and sangria included. \$25. RSVP required; 1531 N. Wells St. 312-654-9500.

JOEY'S BRICKHOUSE

Wed.: \$3 24-ounce drafts, \$15 surf and turf. Surf and turf includes homemade barbecue ribs, rock shrimp, corn on the cob and napa slaw; Thu.: \$5 martinis, \$18 fried chicken dinner. Dinner comes with mashed potatoes and gravy and corn on the cob; Fri.-Sat.: \$15 bottles of red or white house wine; Sat.: \$1 drinks, \$12 all-you-can-eat tapas brunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); 1258 W. Belmont Ave. 773-296-1300.

LA FONDA DEL GUSTO

5-7 p.m. Wed.: Half-price appetizers; 1408 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-278-6100.

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Wed.: \$5 martinis; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$11.95 prix-fixe lunch. Includes your choice of panino or pizza, unlimited antipasti and gelato; Thu.: \$5 pizzas; Sun.: Half-price wine bottles; 335 N. Dearborn St. 312-629-3500.

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5-7 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: \$25 three-course menu; 803 W. Randolph St. 312-226-3110.

PALETTE BISTRO

Wed.-Sun.: \$25 three-course dinner; 2834 N. Southport Ave. 773-477-2565.

PARK GRILL

11 a.m. Wed.-Sun.: Burger Fest 2009. Burger specials available in addition to the regular menu; 11 N. Michigan Ave. Millennium Park. 312-521-7275.

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5 p.m. Sun.: New Holland beer dinner. Chef Brian Huston prepares a family-style four-course dinner with pairings available from Michigan's New Holland Brewing Company. \$45. \$60 with beer pairings; 837 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555.

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Sun.: Half-price bottles of wine, no corkage fee. Excludes bottles over \$50. BYOB in the lounge and patio only; 123 N. Jefferson St. 312-441-1920.

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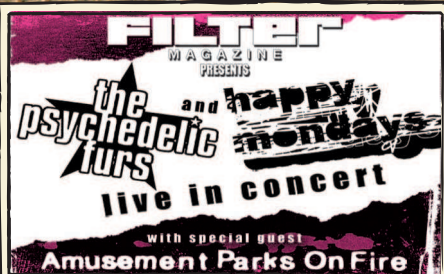
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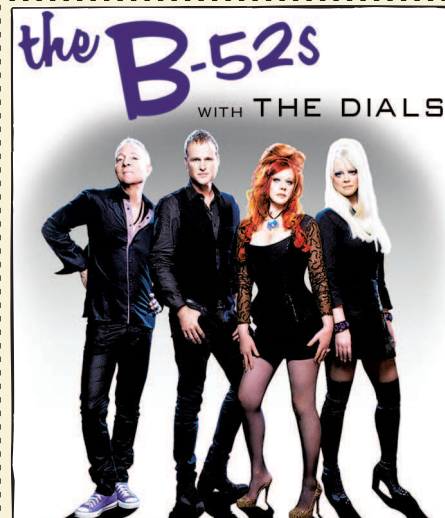
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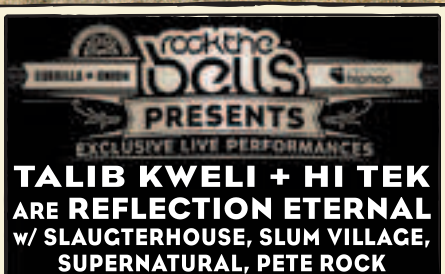
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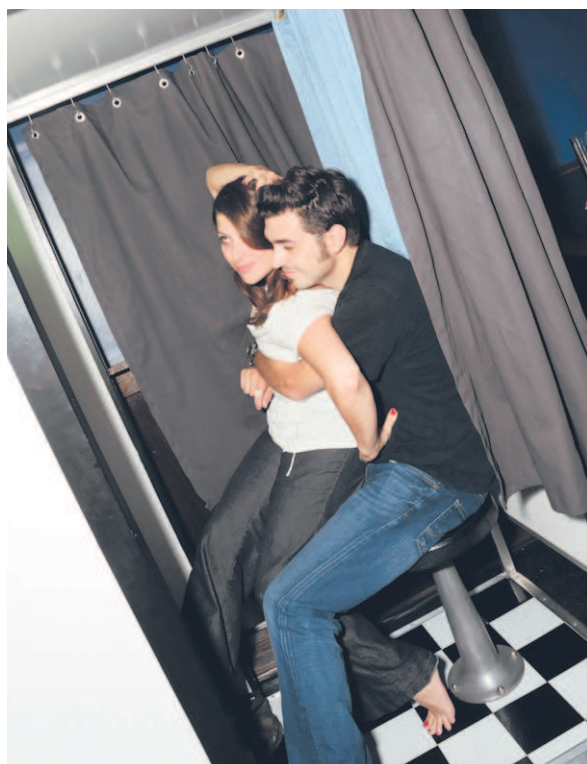
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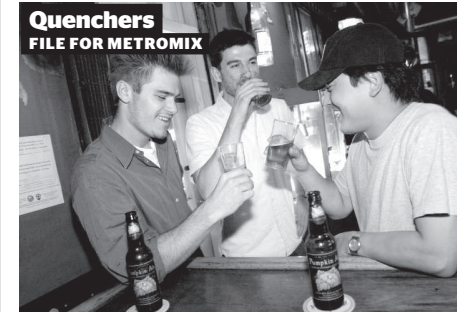
bartender to tell us about your favorite 'tender and nominate them for this year's competition.

After we settle on the Top 10, we'll look to you to narrow the playing field to just a few finalists. Then, we'll throw a party (yes, you're invited) so you can really see what they're made of and vote for who you think deserves the title of Metromix Best Bartender 2009.

What are you waiting for? Nominations are due by September 4! Submit your online nomination today.

Random Acts of Greatness 5 things we're loving this week

Quenchers FILE FOR METROMIX



1 The **vintage beer coolers** at **Quenchers Saloon** (2401 N. Western Ave.) Beer aficionado Earle Johnson's neighborhood pub celebrates its 30th anniversary this week, but the old-fashioned wooden coolers have been in place at least twice as long. Though Johnson inherited them from the bar that was there from 1946-1979, they were part of the 1917 ice cream parlor that originally occupied the space. Check **metromix.com** for details on weekend anniversary events at Quenchers.

2 The **BBBest BBurger** (\$9) at **Rocks** (3463 N. Broadway; 1301 W. Schubert Ave.). With buffalo sauce, bacon, blue cheese and sauteed spinach, this juicy marvel really is the best (bbbest?).

3 **Half-price pizza** on weekdays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at **Pizzeria Via Stato** (620 N. State St.), located inside River North Italian eatery Osteria Via Stato. Need a reason to ignore stomach rumblings and grab a late lunch? This is it. Too bad the deal didn't apply last week, when we scarfed down deliciously thin margherita (\$10.95) and vegetable (\$11.95) pies alfresco.

4 **BYOB nail salon Arbore**, which has a 3-year-old location in Old Town (1244 N. Wells St.) and a just-opened second location in Streeterville (401 E. Ontario St.). Where better to kick off a girls' night out with a bottle or two of bubbly?

5 The **swank collection of women's clothes** at **Deliciously Vintage** (1747 S. Halsted St.) in Pilsen. For those who seek deals on designer fashions but don't want to sift through vintage stock that smells like grandma's closet, this boutique is for you.

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

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Max Tundra

2 9:30 p.m. Thu. at Empty Bottle If you're too shy to dance, don't go.

Clipse

3 8 p.m. Fri. at Metro Rappers preview upcoming "Till the Casket Drops."

Emily Wells

4 10 p.m. Sat. at Schubas Experimental folk with a sense of humor.

Pearl Jam

5 7:30 p.m. Sun. at United Center Can't wait for "Backspacer," out Sept. 20.

Sweet home, Chicago

Danny Chaimson returns from L.A. with a word of advice about certain girls

By Matt Pais

When Highland Park native Danny Chaimson arrived in L.A. to pursue a music career, the first thing going through his head was, "How the hell am I going to afford to live out here?" About seven years later, on the verge of releasing his solo debut and after playing as a sideman for O.A.R., Mike Doughty, Kelis and Solange Knowles, Chaimson "came back home feeling good, like I accomplished a mission."

Anyone who hears the singer-keyboardist's new "Young Blood, Old Soul" likewise will throw out words like "accomplishment." The disc is an uber-catchy blast of laid-back, pop-based soul-funk, as if Billy Joel's been staying up late listening to Curtis Mayfield.

"I felt like I wanted to be based out of Chicago because I felt like the music kinda sounded like it should've come from Chicago," says Chaimson, 32, who now lives in Deerfield. "In L.A., I was just kind of another guy putting out a record on an indie label. In Chicago I could establish more of an identity."

Has anyone ever told you that you look like new Bears quarterback Jay Cutler?

No, people used to tell me I looked like Kyle Orton, though, when I didn't shave.

So you came back to Chicago hoping you'd be confused with a Bear, current or former. I don't know how badly I'd want to be confused with



Danny Chaimson

Orton, but Cutler would be a good thing. At least until the season starts. Hopefully it will be a great thing.

You're not worried about his bar-going reputation?

No, I don't think so. There's been plenty of good quarterbacks who spend a lot of time in bars. In fact a lot of the best quarterbacks have. [Joe] Namath. [Brett] Favre is no stranger to bars. You don't want your quarterback to be a dorky guy. You want him to be a guy that wants to go to a bar. [Someone] people want to hang out with.

Speaking of booze, press photos depict you passed out with beers scattered around. How many bad memories do those bring up?

No, those are good memories. ... That's the good part of being a musician is you don't have to wake up early.

Local focus

Danny Chaimson and the 11th Hour

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Except people take pictures of you in that state.

That's alright. Comes with the territory.

How would you describe your sound in five words or less?

Funky American soul music.

You have songs about people acting the same at 32 as 16. Why are people taking longer to grow up?

Yeah, that's a big part of my generation's identity crisis is that 30 years ago, a 32-year-old was doing completely

different stuff than a 16-year-old. You went to work every day, you came home, you had a drink, watched TV, went to sleep. Now a 32-year-old might be working from home, going to play video games, going to play basketball. The lifestyles of the different age groups are not dissimilar. Even in the way they dress, even in the music they listen to. But along with that there's all the responsibilities and realities of life that start to hit you that kind of contradict the lifestyle that everybody's been comfortable living until they graduate from college.

How much blame for that should be put on Will Ferrell, someone who's constantly playing man-children?

[Laughs] Will Ferrell and Adam Sandler definitely take a big part of the blame. Our record label's run by a very Billy Madison-like character.



Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder
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**Brendan Benson**

Brendan Benson 'My Old, Familiar Friend'

(ATO Records)

Kicking off with "A Whole Lot Better," a flawless summer track that at times recalls the anthemic purity of the Outfield, "My Old, Familiar Friend" is a terrific batch of nostalgic pop and great, simple songwriting. Benson, who's earned more notoriety as the Raconteurs singer who isn't Jack White, is an excellent artist in his own right. "Friend," his fourth solo full-length, continues a streak of hopelessly catchy and finely crafted albums, this one born of heartbreak, indecision and admitting that in some ways being alone is, in fact, easier than dealing with another person. The disc isn't without filler ("You Make a Fool Out of Me," in particular). But if "Garbage Day" doesn't melt your heart and "Don't Want to Talk" doesn't get you singing, you're obviously made of stone, and clearly no fun at all.

In concert: 7 and 10 p.m. Thu. at Schubas

The Cave Singers 'Welcome Joy'

(Matador Records)

Sounding like they live, record or at least write songs in a cave, this Seattle trio specializes in intimate folk that actually makes crowds want to stand silently and listen. The group's got a David Gray-meets-Fleet Foxes thing going, and guest vocals on "Welcome Joy" from Amber Webber (Black Mountain, Lightning Dust) and Ashley Webber (Lightning Dust) add another layer of harmonized beauty. More upbeat tracks like "I Don't Mind" would help differentiate a mid-section that blends together, but the restless shimmy of "At the Cut" and the sweet, minimal rhythm of "Summer Windows" latch on without even trying. While "Leap" shuffles with the chug of a train engine, most of the tunes on "Welcome Joy" are like the trembling calm before a storm, with potential to be heard in a small club or a big festival.

In concert: Sept. 12 at Schubas

**The Cave Singers**

Clearly a grown-up kid can succeed without changing.

Right, that's true. ... L.A. is the exact personification of that. [There, a] 37-year-old single guy in a bar is totally normal. In Chicago, [if you're a] 37-year-old single guy in a bar, you're kind of like a creepy guy. I guess L.A. probably buys you 5 to 7 more years of bachelorhood and irresponsibility, and you don't feel bad about it because you're surrounded by everyone else so you feel normal. And then you pop back into Chicago and feel like a creep here.

Your song "Bobblehead Girl" is about girls who just want people to buy them drinks. How can you spot one of those?

It's pretty easy to spot one. I haven't been in the clubs lately. A lot of times a hat or one of those little headbands. ... You can tell they're trying hard.

What type of relationship do they have with the 37-year-old manboys?

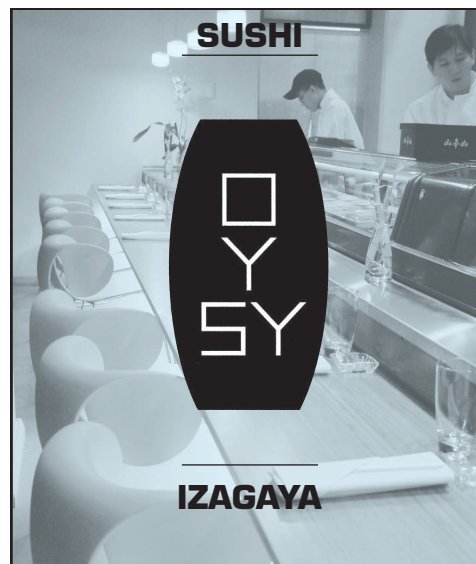
[Laughs] Well, it depends how much money the 37-year-old manboys have. Or if they're famous. Even if they have a relative that's famous. In L.A., that's good enough.

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- Harry Potter (PG) 2:00,5:15,8:45
- Ice Age (PG) 12:15,2:30,4:50
- Transformers (PG-13) 12:00,3:20,6:30,9:45

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
312-846-2800

- American Casino (NR) 6:00,7:45
- 13 Months (NR) 6:15 P.M.
- Family (NR) 8:15 P.M.

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- Terminator Sal (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- Public Enemies (R) 2:10,5:30,8:10
- Transformers (PG-13) 2:15,5:35,8:20
- Up (PG) 2:05,4:10,6:20,8:30

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
(773) 871-6604

- Throw Down (NR) 5:00,8:00
- Beaches of (NR) 5:15,7:30,9:45

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

- Kaminey (NR) 11:45,3:00,6:15
- AMC Select Lorna's Silence (NR) 11:30,2:15,4:45,7:15
- AMC Select Mrs. Goldberg (NR) 11:00,3:30,5:45
- Irene in Time (NR) 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:30
- AMC Select Moon (R) 1:15,7:55

RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street
888-AMC-4FUN
Show times change daily

AMC Select - The best specialty films

- Bandslam (PG) 10:45,1:50,4:45,7:50,10:45
- Time Traveler (PG-13) 10:00,11:00,1:00,2:00,4:00,5:00,7:00,8:00,10:00
- District 9 (R) 10:30,11:30,1:30,2:30,4:30,5:30,7:30,8:30,10:30
- Goods: Live (R) 10:15,12:50,3:30,6:10,8:45
- AMC Select Ponyo (G) 10:05,12:45,3:40,6:30,9:20
- AMC Select Paper Heart (PG-13) 11:15,1:55,4:35,7:10,9:45
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) 10:40,11:40,1:45,2:45,4:50,5:50,7:55,8:50,10:50
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) 10:10,11:10,1:20,2:20,4:20,5:20,7:20,8:20,10:20
- Perfect Ge (R) 11:05,1:40,4:10,6:45,9:30
- AMC Select 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 10:50,1:25,4:05,6:50,9:35
- Funny People (R) 11:50,3:25,7:00,10:25
- The Ugly Truth (R) 11:45,2:15,5:05,7:40,10:15
- Orphan (R) 4:15 P.M.
- AMC Select The Hurt Locker (R) 10:25,1:35,4:40,7:45,10:45
- G-Force 3D (PG) ★ 10:20,12:40,3:10,10:40
- Harry Potter (PG) ★ 11:20,3:00,6:40,10:10
- Public Enemies (R) 1:10,7:15
- The Proposal (PG-13) 10:20,4:25,10:35
- The Hangover (R) 10:55,1:30,7:05,9:40

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:40,9:20
- District 9 (R) ★ 12:40,1:45,3:40,4:30,6:30,7:15,9:30,10:00

G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

- Ponyo (G) ★ 12:50,3:30,6:15,8:50
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 2:30,5:00,7:50,10:20
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 2:10,4:50,6:45,7:30,9:45,10:15
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 12:30,1:20,2:20,3:20,4:10,5:20,6:20,7:00,8:15,9:15,9:50
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:50,3:10,4:45,6:10,7:10,8:00,9:00,10:30
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 2:15,5:15,7:45,10:25
- Funny People (R) 1:30,4:40
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 2:00,4:20,7:20,9:40
- G-Force 3D (PG) 1:40,4:15,6:50,9:10
- The Ugly Truth (R) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10
- Harry Potter (PG) 3:15 P.M.
- Ice Age 3D (PG) 1:10,4:00

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- District 9 (R) ★ 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 1:00,2:00,3:45,4:45,6:50,7:30,9:40,10:15
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 1:40,4:40,7:40,10:20
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:15,1:20,2:50,3:30,4:15,6:05,6:30,7:20,9:00,9:30,10:10
- Funny People (R) 2:30,6:10,9:20
- The Ugly Truth (R) 2:20,5:00,7:45,10:30
- Harry Potter (PG) 3:15,6:40
- Public Enemies (R) 10:05 P.M.
- The Hangover (R) 1:30,4:20,7:00,9:50

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)

E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
(800) 326-3264 #1646

- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:10
- District 9 (R) ★ 1:15,1:45,4:00,4:30,6:45,7:15,9:30,10:00
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:50,10:20
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:15,6:50,9:40
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:20,1:50,3:20,4:10,4:40,6:10,7:00,7:40,9:00,9:50,10:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:45,3:40,6:40,9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 12:10,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:10
- The Collector (R) 12:30,2:40,4:50,7:20,10:15
- G-Force 3D (PG) 1:00,3:45,6:20,8:50
- G-Force (PG) 1:40,4:20,7:10,9:20
- Orphan (R) 2:20,5:10,8:00,10:45

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak
(800) 326-3264 #1644

- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:40,4:20,7:10,9:45
- District 9 (R) ★ 1:15,1:45,4:00,4:30,6:45,7:15,9:30,10:00
- Ponyo (G) ★ 1:10,3:50,6:30,9:10
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:50,10:20
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:15,6:50,9:40
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 12:20,1:20,1:50,3:20,4:10,4:40,5:10,7:00,7:40,9:00,9:50,10:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 12:45,3:40,6:40,9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 12:10,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:10
- Aliens-Attic (PG) 12:05,2:20
- The Collector (R) 4:50,7:20,10:15
- G-Force 3D (PG) 1:00,3:45,6:20,8:50
- G-Force (PG) 12:15,2:40
- Orphan (R) 5:10,8:00,10:45

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1022 Lake Street
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- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:20,4:40,7:05,9:30
- District 9 (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00
- G.I. Joe: Cobra (PG-13) ★ 1:35,4:10,6:45,9:20
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 1:45,4:25,7:05,9:45
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:25,2:40,4:55,7:10,9:25
- Funny People (R) 3:40,9:45
- G-Force 3D (PG) 12:30,2:30,4:30,6:30,8:30
- Harry Potter (PG) 12:30,6:40

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1715 MAPLE AVE.
(847)492-0123 &

- Bandslam (PG) ★ 1:30,4:10,6:50,9:30
- District 9 (R) ★ 11:35,1:00,2:30,3:45,5:05,6:30,7:50,9:15,10:35
- Ponyo (G) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:35,7:10,9:40
- Goods: Live (R) ★ 12:40,3:00,5:20,7:40,10:00
- Time Traveler (PG-13) ★ 11:40,2:15,4:50,7:25,10:05
- 500 Days-Sum (PG-13) 12:20,2:45,5:05,7:35,9:55
- Perfect Ge (R) ★ 12:35,3:05,5:30,7:55,10:20
- Adam (PG-13) ★ 12:00,2:30,4:55,7:45,10:25
- Funny People (R) 1:45,5:00,8:15
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- Harry Potter (PG) 12:05,3:30
- Julie & Julia (PG-13) ★ 11:55,1:25,2:50,4:20,5:45,7:15,8:40,10:10
- Paper Heart (PG-13) ★ 12:10,2:55,5:10,7:30,9:50
- The Hurt Locker (R) 11:30,2:35,5:35,8:35

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5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

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8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Underground Wonder Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

DOUBLE QUARTET

9:30 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

ERNIE ADAMS TRIO

9 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

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8 p.m. Free. Cornelia's Restaurant, 750 W. Cornelia Ave. 773-248-8333.

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2 a.m. Free. Green Mill, 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

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8 p.m. \$10-\$40. Ravinia Festival, Martin Theatre, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

GREEN RIVER
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9 p.m. \$10. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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7 p.m. \$19.50-\$75. Charter One Pavilion at Northerly Island, 1300 S. Linn White Drive. 877-598-8703.

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9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

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8 p.m. \$10. Green Dolphin Street, 2200 N. Ashland Ave. 773-395-0066.

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9 p.m. \$6-\$8. Abbey Pub, 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

MIDDLE DISTANCE
RUNNER, AUSHUA
8 p.m. \$6-\$8. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

NEW HORIZONS
ENSEMBLE

8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

OPEN ROAD LOVE
AFFAIR, BRYAN NEBEL
7:30 p.m. \$5. Katerina's, 1920 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-348-7592.

OUTCAST JAZZ BAND
7:30 p.m. Free. Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave. 312-595-7437.

PATRICK GEMKOW

8 p.m. Tips/donations. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

PERCOLATOR,
SAVE THE
CLOCKTOWER,
DOPPLER SHIFT

8 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

RABAK, DEL BARBER
9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

ROB PARTON'S
BIG BAND

8 p.m. \$5-\$10. FitzGerald's, 6615 Roosevelt Rd., Berwyn. 708-788-2118.

ROUGH CUT, STRANGE
ARRANGEMENT,
BLACK ROSES
8 p.m. Cover varies. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

SADHU SADHU,
MEDICINE MAN,
ANCIENT SKY
9 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. housecallent.com

SWEETWATER
MELTDOWN

9 p.m. Free. Abbey Pub (in the pub), 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

THEE INVADERS,
THE MEDIUMS,
VENOM LORDS
9:30 p.m. \$3-\$7. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

TROMBARI
8 and 10 p.m. \$5-\$10. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

THE ULTIMATE BOEING
747, FRENCH MIAMI
9 p.m. \$7. Ronny's, 2101 N. California Ave. mpshows.com

THE WOOD BROTHERS,
TRISTEN
8 p.m. \$15-\$27.50. SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston. 847-492-8860.

Green River Ordinance

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Q&A

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A: The awesome customers who always make my shifts enjoyable and entertaining!

Q: Favorite college football team?

A: The "U"- Go Canes!

Q: Favorite pro football team?

A: Da Bears, of course

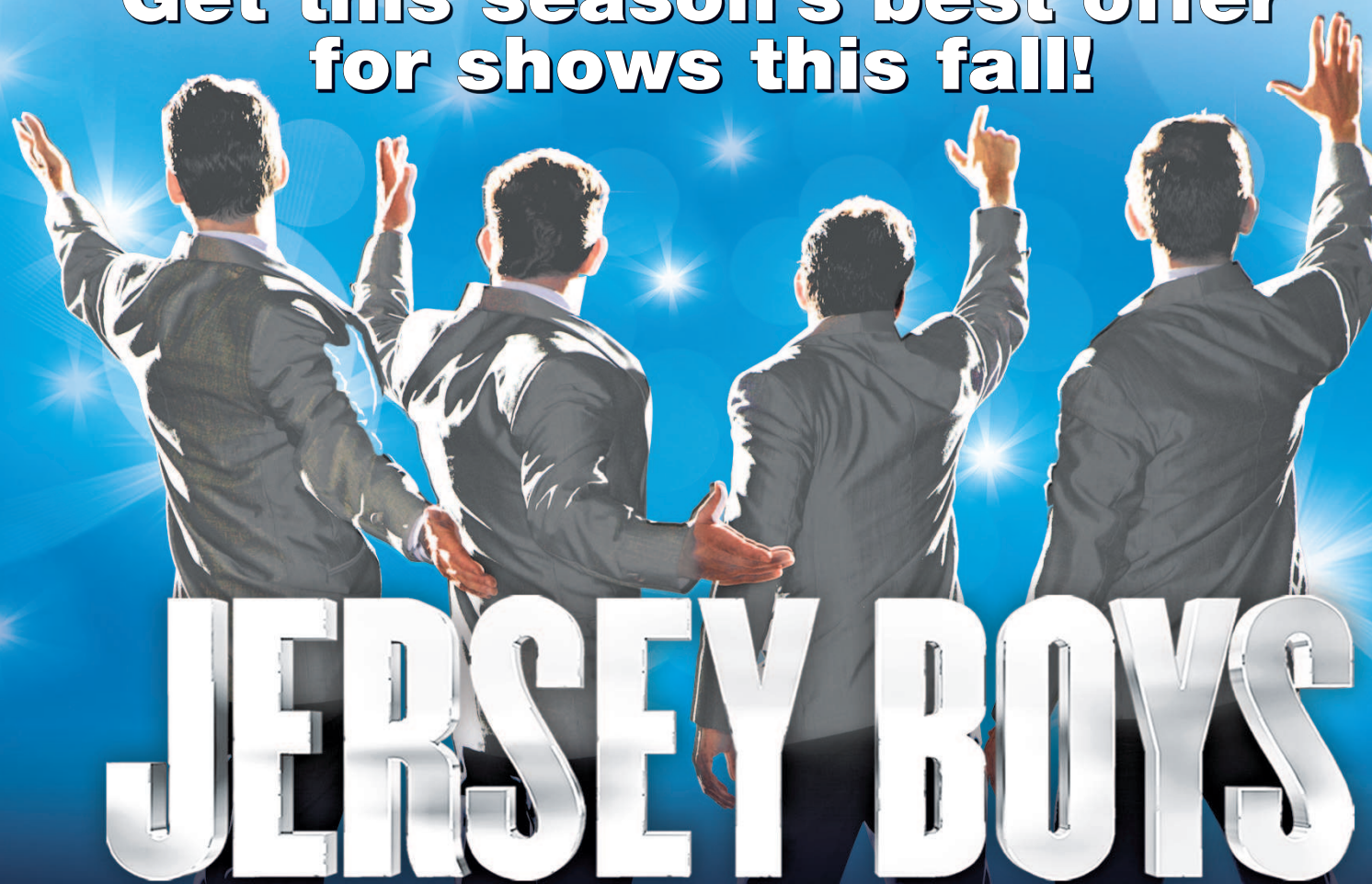
Q: Do you have any pets?

A: Two dogs- Bear, a husky mix and Danye, a rotti mix



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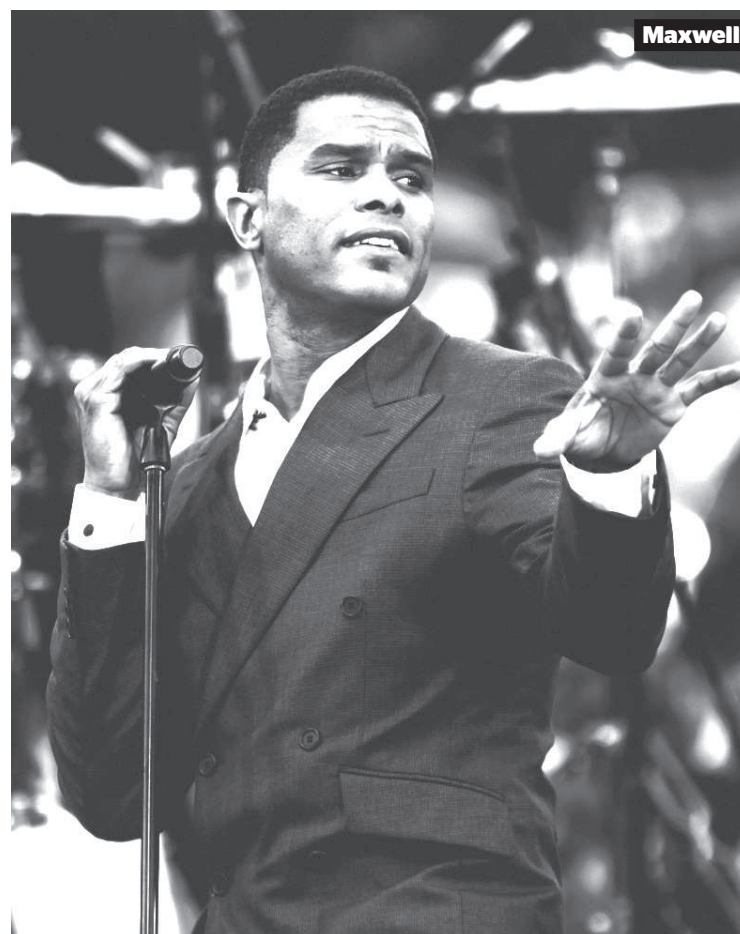
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Maxwell

Ticketbooth *your on-sale concert guide*

On sale 10 a.m. Wednesday

Goodbye Home, Micah Walk Band, Sherri Anne and Samantha Cathcart Duo, Saturday, Sept. 26 (\$8, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Papa Grows Funk, Thursday, Sept. 24 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

Waco Brothers and Friends, Buddy Knox, Friday, Oct. 9 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

On sale 1 p.m. Wednesday

Say Anything, Eisley, Moving Mountains, Friday, Oct. 23 (\$16.50-\$20, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

On sale 10 a.m. Friday

Bowling for Soup, Sunday, Sept. 20 (\$7.11, all ages) at House of Blues.

Kathy Griffin, Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$49.50-\$69.50, all ages) at Chicago Theatre.

Paramore, Saturday, Oct. 10 (\$27.50, all ages) at House of Blues.

On sale noon Friday

Mike Doughty, Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$22, 21+) at Schubas.

Osso, DM Smith, Wednesday, Oct. 28 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

Timber Timbre, Wednesday, Oct. 7 (\$8-\$10, 21+) at Schubas.

On sale 10 a.m. Saturday

AFI, Saturday, Nov. 7 (\$26-\$28, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

The Black Crowes, Friday, Nov. 6 (\$42.50-\$44, 18+) at Riviera Theatre.

The Bravery, Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$19, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Lydia, Tuesday, Oct. 6 (\$10, all ages) at Subterranean.

Maxwell, Common, Chrisette Michele, Thursday, Oct. 8 (Price TBA, all ages) at United Center.

Pat McGee Band, Saturday, Nov. 21 (\$20-\$25, 18+) at Park West.

The Rakes, Saturday, Nov. 7 (\$15, all ages) at Subterranean.

Richard Thompson and Loudon Wainwright III, Thursday, Oct. 29 (\$35, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

Straight No Chaser, Sunday, Dec. 13 (\$27.50, all ages) at Park West.

On sale 11 a.m. Saturday

David Gray, Lisa Hannigan, Thursday, Oct. 29 (\$39.50-\$65, all ages) at Auditorium Theatre.

On sale noon Saturday

12th Planet, Boogymon, Dottcom, Kabz, Thursday, Oct. 8 (\$5-\$8, 21+) at Smart Bar.

1997, Chimera Twilight, A Lull, Venna, Friday, Sept. 11 (\$11, all ages) at Metro.

Fall into Disco with DJ Bald E., Sunday, Sept. 20 (\$12-\$15, all ages) at Metro.

The Hallow, The Ability, Footlight Frenzy, Triumph and Parade, The Moves, Saturday, Sept. 12 (\$11, all ages) at Metro.

Kinetix, My Dear Disco, Saturday, Oct. 3 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

Skee-lo, Friday, Sept. 18 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

Steve Martin with the Steep Canyon Rangers, Thursday, Oct. 22 (\$39.50-\$77, all ages) at Cadillac Palace Theatre.

William Elliot Whitmore, Nov. 7 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Double Door.

On sale now

Chromo, Crystal Castles, Boys Noize, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$30-\$50, 17+) at Congress Theater.

DJ Sega, Ghetto Division DJs, Madd Jazz, Moonman, Saturday, Sept. 12 (free-\$6, 18+) at Metro.

Buddy Guy, Dave Mason Band, Saturday, Nov. 7 (\$39.50-\$75, all ages) at Genesee Theatre, Waukegan.

ZZ Top, Friday, Sept. 4 (\$73-\$78, 21+) at House of Blues.

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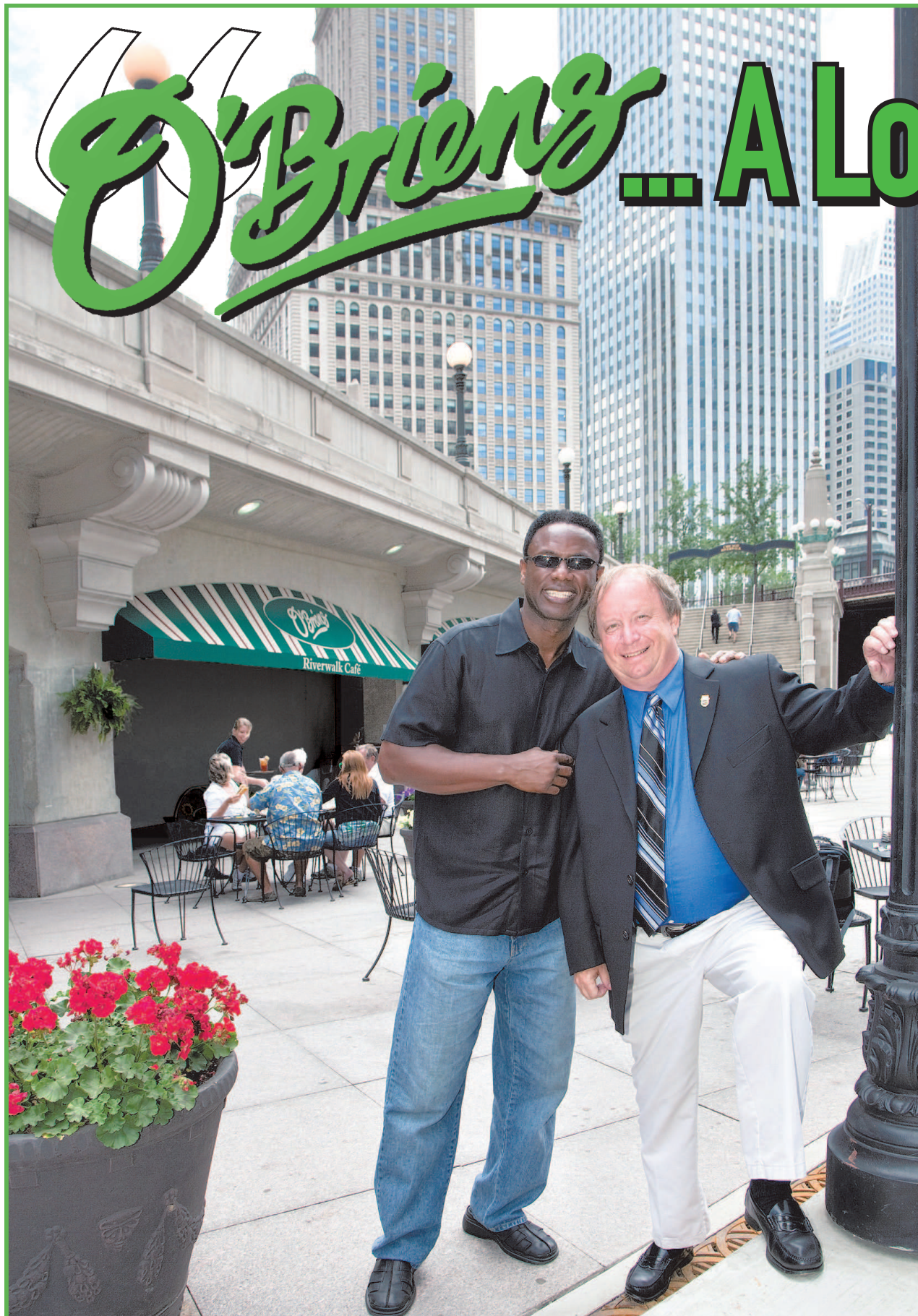


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It's Vegas, baby

Top Chef: Las Vegas
8 p.m. Wednesday, Bravo

Two competitive brothers are among the 17 chef-testants with strong personalities destined to duke it out in Sin City on the sixth season of Bravo's hit series.

We also get a sexist pig, a few overly tattooed and pierced chefs, and guest judge Wolfgang Puck serving up some major dishes in Wednesday's premiere.

Las Vegas plays a major role, beginning with the line of showgirls popping up in the kitchen and the first Quickfire Challenge focusing on the chefs' vices. But it's not all fun and games. The



FOOD FIGHT!

Top Chef Masters 9 p.m. Wednesday, Bravo
Rick Bayless (left), Michael Chiarello and Hubert Keller
compete for a \$100,000 donation to their charity of choice.

Top bite

Bravo's new reality king 'Top Chef' returns Wednesday

Los Angeles Times

With "Project Runway" leaving the Bravo network for Lifetime on Thursday, "Top Chef" is king of Bravo.

The king returns Wednesday—even if it doesn't feel like he ever left the, um, kitchen. "Top Chef: Las Vegas," the show's sixth season, opens at 8 p.m. Wednesday, followed by the season finale of the spin-off series "Top Chef Masters," in which Chicago's Rick Bayless is competing for the grand prize.

The original "Top Chef" show, which premiered on Bravo in 2006, is as dramatic as TV's cooking bouts come, pitting working chefs against one another for a \$100,000 cash prize and—even more important for a chef—bragging rights.

The Emmy-nominated show in its fifth season averaged almost 4 million viewers—a figure that exceeds anything on the Food Network—and is regarded as Bravo's top franchise.

"I think Bravo struck gold with their timing," said last season's "Top Chef" winner, Hosea Rosenberg. "Right now, people's interest in food and chefs is at an all-time high. I'm still shocked at how many kids watch the show. I walk out in my restaurant and they're freaking out. They're hyperventilating."

Unlike other competitive food series in which amateur chefs are berated (Fox's "Hell's Kitchen"), handed a deliberately impossible mix of ingredients (Food Network's "Chopped") or asked to sell their personalities along with their recipes ("The Next Food Network Star"), the high-stakes drama of "Top Chef" is fired by the inherent stresses of being on the line when dinner service actually begins. Take lamb past medium rare? Can't shuck an oyster? Make your

guests wait? Judgment is harsh and swift.

Eric Ripert, chef-owner of New York's three-Michelin-starred Le Bernardin, said that after watching the first season he begged his publicist to book him a spot as a guest judge.

"The last thing I want to do is let a bunch of TV lunatics use my brand to promote their craziness, but this show has credibility," Ripert said.

Tom Colicchio, chef-owner of the Craft restaurants and head judge of "Top Chef," had to be persuaded that producers were committed to a fair test of skills before agreeing to participate. He said he's still surprised by some of the unusual challenges.

Contestants, under considerable time pressure, have tackled exotic proteins such as snake and geoduck, enlivened airplane food, cooked an egg with just one hand and prepared holiday dishes inspired by lines from "The 12 Days of Christmas."

"I've rolled my eyes at some of the things we've asked them to do," Colicchio said.

Deciding whom to ax from the show can take hours as the worried contestants sweat their fate in a space known as the Stew Room.

"There have been times when it's 4 in the morning and we're tired and we'll keep going until we have a decision," Colicchio said. "I think that honesty comes through."

The new season of "Top Chef" is set in Las Vegas and boasts the show's highest-caliber lineup yet. Among them: a Michelin star recipient, more than one James Beard Award nominee and several who have trained with world-class chefs.

"All I can tell you about Season 6 is that it's by far the best food we've had," Colicchio said. "I know you think I'm just saying that, but it was really, really good."

stakes are higher this season: For the first time ever, winning the Quickfires pays big money.

I'm guessing that the extremely competitive Jennifer Carroll and cocky Kevin Gillespie will come out near the top. But the only prediction I'm comfortable making is

that several of these chefs are going to cook up some trouble before the season ends.

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- » Adopt an "80:20" eating plan. Try to eat healthy 80 percent of the time. That means you can "blow" one meal a week and also indulge at parties and other special occasions.
- » Plan ahead. If you know you'll be having a big meal one day, cut back on your food intake—particularly fats, sugar and sodium—before and after.
- » Divide your plate. Fill half with fruit and non-starchy vegetables such as broccoli, carrots or greens. Fill one quarter with lean proteins



(mostly white meats, beans and nuts) and the remaining quarter with starchy vegetables such as potatoes, corn, peas and black beans.

- » Be colorful. Try to get as many colors of the rainbow as possible, plus brown and white, onto your plate each day.
- » Include lean protein at every meal. Examples are fish, skinless poultry, pork chops, unsalted nuts, eggs and low-fat or light cheeses. Limit your red meat intake to about 3 ounces a week—roughly the size of a deck of playing cards.
- » Add fiber. The body digests protein and fiber slowly, making you feel full longer. Try mixing high-fiber cereals such as All-Bran and Fiber One into other types of cereal, salads, stir-fry, muffins, pancakes and yogurt.

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- » Talk about what your ideal HDL level should be.
- » Exercise. Studies have shown 30 minutes of aerobic exercise five days a week is very effective. In fact, HDL cholesterol can increase by 5 percent after just two months of regular workouts, according to the Mayo Clinic.
- » Keep a healthy weight. If you're too heavy, losing only a few pounds can help—especially if

you carry extra weight in your abdominal area.

- » Don't smoke. Cigarettes lower HDL cholesterol and also may cause chemical changes that block some of its other benefits.
- » Eat healthy fats. Fish, nuts, seeds, avocado and olive and canola oil all are rich in fats that can increase HDL cholesterol's ability to control inflammation in blood vessels.
- » Avoid saturated and trans fats and soluble fiber. Load up on foods such as oatmeal, fruits, vegetables, beans and whole-grain breads.
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An aperitif also can refer to the drink itself. Since an aperitif is most commonly enjoyed before a meal, it should be light and refreshing and have just enough alcohol to stimulate your appetite and taste buds. Higher strength drinks such as martinis and margaritas also can be enjoyed, but if additional beverages will be enjoyed later on with dinner, it's best to keep things light when starting off.

Many European nations have adopted the aperitif ritual, and each country offers its own array of aperitif beverages. Italians enjoy bitter cocktails such as Campari or Aperol. Classic French aperitifs include Lillet, Dubonnet, pastis and even the dessert wine Sauternes. In Spain, a traditional aperitif usually means a glass of dry fino sherry or white port over ice. Snacks such as nuts, charcuterie, olives and other finger foods often will accompany these cocktails as a little something to nibble on.

For many of us, an aperitif usually means a glass of wine or perhaps Champagne, but there are so many wonderful and tasty options available on bar shelves. The next time you meet with friends for a pre-dinner drink, I encourage you to try one of these classic options. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

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Fino sherry

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Lillet

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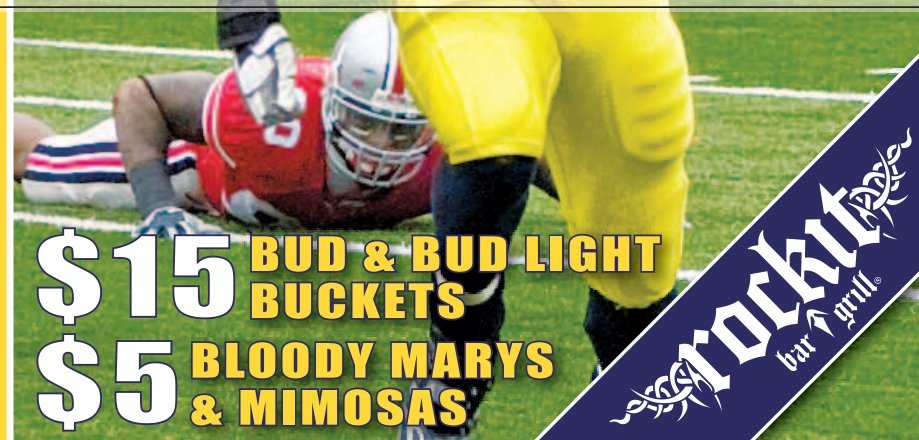
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NUDE NEWS AWARDS!

Here at the RedEye, we're no prudes, but it's not like we're walking around with our pants off either. It just seems there's been a lot of naked news lately. Heidi Pratt's big Playboy cover is out. (Oh, you haven't seen it? She only brings it with her to, like, every press event on the planet.) McSteamy and his wife are in hot water about the non-sex sex tape that leaked online this week. And, topping it all off, NeNe Leakes from the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" is talking dancing topless in her new memoir. So whose news takes the cake? That, ladies and gentlemen, is what we're here for.

FIRST PLACE | NENE LEAKES

It's probably best you heard it from her: NeNe Leakes was a stripper once, and she's not afraid to admit it. "Yes, I was a stripper, a woman who took her clothes off and danced for dollars," the "Real Housewives of Atlanta" star writes, according to [people.com](#) excerpts. "Let the judgment ensue. I mean, it's easy enough to do, right?" Leakes said she took the job to support her child—and she found it empowering. "I did what I had to do." The name of the memoir? "Never Make the Same Mistake Twice."



Dane and
Gayheart
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SECOND PLACE | ERIC DANE

If you haven't heard about the alleged sex tape involving Eric "McSteamy" Dane, his wife Rebecca Gayheart and former Miss Teen USA Kari Ann Peniche, you haven't been paying attention to the gossip. (What, you had work or something?) Anyway, since the scandal broke late Monday, Dane's lawyer has issued a statement saying the tape is a "a private, consensual moment involving a married couple." Peniche's manager told [usmagazine.com](#) the video, which depicts all three stars naked, is not a sex tape.



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THIRD PLACE | HEIDI PRATT

Pratt is still talking about her appearance on the September cover of Playboy. This time, she's telling Ryan Seacrest why she didn't bare it all. (After a thorough inspection, RedEye can confirm that the "Hills" reality star's photo spread is completely free of naughty bits.) "Always leave them asking for more," she said on Seacrest's radio show Tuesday, according to [usmagazine.com](#) excerpts. "Next time, I'll have more to reveal."



Leakes
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Celebs for Chicago 2016

If it were up to Sean Hayes and Jimmy Fallon, Chicago's pizza, beer and Oprah would be enough to seal the deal for their city's 2016 Olympic bid. Well at least according to their interviews with Chicago club king Billy Dec. Dec, the man behind Rockit Bar & Grill and Sunda, has 50 celeb pals on video talking about why they love Chicago and why they want to see the Olympics here. He posted three interviews on his site at **achicagothings.com**—including the clips with Hayes and Fallon, and says he will post a new interview every day until he arrives in Copenhagen on Oct. 2 for the official announcement of who will host the 2016 Olympics.

Sing for the moment

Calling all a cappella singers: NBC is looking for you. According to a news release, the network is holding auditions for "The Sing-Off," a competition about—what else?—singing, searching for the most talented a cappella singing groups to vie for a chance at a recording contract. Auditions will be held in Chicago on Sept. 14 at 2744 W. Superior St. For more info, go to **nbc.com/casting**.

Different drum

The Smashing Pumpkins have a new member of the band, the AP reports. Mike Byrne, a 19-year-old from Portland, Ore., was picked from more than 1,000 drummers who responded to the group's open call to replace original member Jimmy Chamberlin. Frontman Billy Corgan says Byrne has "that X-factor that all the great drummers have, a stunning blend of power, speed, and grace."



On-again, off-again

So Robin Wright Penn has filed for divorce from her husband Sean Penn, **people.com** reports. Yes, this is not the first time. Confused? Thought so. Here's a timeline of their tumultuous relationship.

April 27, 1996

They tie the knot.

Dec. 7, 2007

Penn files for divorce, but the petition was later dismissed. Three days after that, Wright Penn files for divorce.

April 8, 2008

Marin County Clerk dismisses couple's divorce petition at their request.

April 24, 2009

Penn files for legal separation.

May 19

Penn calls it off.

Aug. 12

Wright Penn files for divorce. In a new interview with *More* magazine, she says she and Penn were done for good.

"There's no limbo anymore. There's no time. I'm too old for this s---," according to excerpts on **eonline.com**.



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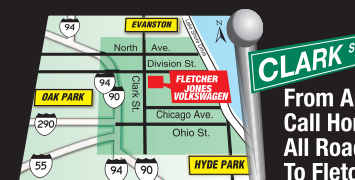
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BRIT FOR PRESIDENT

Britney Spears got some laughs on Tuesday's "Late Show," but David Letterman stole the sketch.

"See how many times she switches from hip to hip while we do this," Letterman said after Spears read No. 9 of the "Top Ten Ways the Country Would Be Different if Britney Spears

Were President."

"I'd be the first president to wear eye shadow since Nixon," said Spears, wearing only a bikini and a flower in her hair.

After she read No. 9, "We would only invade fun places like Cabo," Letterman cracked, "Aaand, roll to the right ..."

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'Basterds' in Chicago

Quentin Tarantino made his "royale" entrance at the AMC River East on Tuesday night to receive a career achievement award from the Chicago International Film Festival and to screen his new movie, "Inglourious Basterds."

As he walked the red carpet at the theater, Tarantino told RedEye he got pizza (with cheese) while he was in town. "I've been hearing about Chicago deep dish pizza my whole life," Tarantino said. There was a reception at The Wit hotel after the movie's screening.

Baby bumps

What do Johnny Knoxville and Celine Dion have in common? They're both expecting! (You know what we mean.) The "Jackass" star's girlfriend, Naomi Nelson, is three months preggers, usmagazine.com reports. Dion, 41, is awaiting her second child, according to the mag.

M&M

Mila Kunis may star with some of Hollywood's hottest hunks but she's totally committed to her boyfriend, Macaulay Culkin. Yes, the "Home Alone" kid.

The "That '70s Show" star and Culkin have dated for seven years, Kunis, 26, says in the September issue of Women's Health, according to excerpts on people.com.

"We grew up together. You find a steady rock in your life and that's all you need," she said. "We have our ups and downs, but work through them."

"Whatever I do next, I don't think there will be any wizards in it!"

—DANIEL RADCLIFFE, ON WHETHER HE'D BE INTERESTED IN A ROLE IN "THE HOBBIT," ACCORDING TO THE L.A. TIMES.

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